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## Allen's Committee Assignments Announced

**January 2, 2003** – Senator Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, today was appointed by Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, as the Vice Chair of the Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee and as a member of the Government Operations Committee. The committee appointments are in addition to Senator Allen's appointment as Chairman of the Commerce and Labor and the Gaming and Casino committees.

“Senator Allen will be an excellent advocate for Michigan residents while serving on the Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform committee and the Government Operations committee,” Sikkema said. “Committee hearings allow legislators to collect important testimony from concerned citizens on legislation and provide excellent opportunities for questions on bills to be answered.”

The Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform is a new committee that will handle issues including Downtown Development Authorities, Brownfield redevelopment, and liquor and occupational regulation. It also will handle Renaissance Zones, Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development Districts and Smart Parks.

The Government Operations committee will handle the Advice and Consent role of the Senate, in looking at the Governor's appointments. The committee also handles election law, campaign finance issues, resolutions and issues dealing with the ethics and conduct of Senators.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Michigan residents on these important committees,” Allen said. “The Senate has a long list of goals to accomplish this year – including addressing the economy, education, health care, and the environment – and I look forward to working hard with my colleagues to help accomplish them.”

Allen represents Grand Traverse, Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Chippewa and Mackinac counties.

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